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For: LAWSONIA INTRACELLULARIS VACCINE

Corresponding to: EP 00204660.5, filed December 20, 2000

Response and Second Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner of Patents March 26, 2003
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement issued February 26, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, claims 9-15, 18-21 and 34-38 directed to the *Lawsonia intracellularis* protein and vaccine compositions. For purposes of examination, Applicants elect Sequence ID No.: 2. However, in view of the present amendments it is believed that all proteins and protein compositions should be examined in the present application.

Prior to the Examination of this application on its merits, please replace claims 9, 11, 13, 18 and 38 with new claims 9, 11, 13, 18 and 38 as follow:

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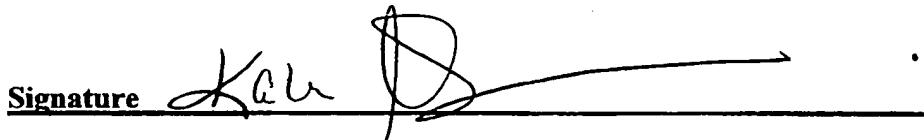
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